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Far-Right in Chatham Emergency Services, Part 2: Matthew Mayo

This is the second of two articles on far-Right employees at [Chatham Emergency Services](#), a not for profit company which provides Fire, Emergency Medical and Security services in Chatham County (in and near Savannah, Georgia). [For our first article, see here.](#)

[Matthew Thomas Mayo](#), also known as Bodi Mayo, is a basic Emergency Medical Technician who has been employed with [Chatham Emergency Services since May 2018](#). Prior to joining Chatham Emergency Services, Mayo [worked as a fireman with Effingham County Fire & Rescue](#). Mayo is also [a “gothi”](#) (chieftain-priest) in the [Asatru Folk Assembly](#) (AFA), a whites-only heathen organization with deep ties to the broader white power movement. By “heathen”, we mean someone who worships the pre-Christian gods of Germanic Europe. [Many heathens are not racist](#) – but the AFA certainly is. The anti-extremist Southern Poverty Law Center has [designated the AFA as a hate group](#) for its “neo-Völkisch” ideology and extensive links to white nationalism. Matthew Mayo personally circulates far-Right propaganda on social media and networks with other white nationalists. Mayo even [belongs to](#) an online group called the White Nationalist Alliance, which is explicitly [“in support of National Socialism and Hitler”](#).



Matthew Thomas Mayo in front of Asatru Folk Assembly flag

Mayo is a longstanding member of the AFA. According to [a 2012 interview](#), Mayo became a member of the AFA “in the past year” and had been a heathen for many years before. In 2012, Mayo assumed the title of the AFA’s “Military Folkbuilder”, a liaison person for military members and veterans in the whites-only organization. The same interview states that Mayo had been a Marine in the early 1990s. At the time of writing, Mayo is not listed as an AFA “Folkbuilder” on the organization’s website and the AFA’s Military Program appears mostly inactive. Mayo still [flaunts his affiliation with the Asatru Folk Assembly](#) on his social media pages and remains active within the organization.



Picture from [2016 AFA “Deep South” gathering](#) includes Matthew Mayo in

foreground; [“Ravensblood Kindred”](#) members Trent East, Karen Woodward, and Dalton Woodward; and (on right) AFA leader Matthew Flavel.

On social media, Mayo [stays in touch](#) with many AFA members, [including Trent East](#) as well as [Dalton and Karen Woodward](#) of the white nationalist “[Ravensblood Kindred](#)”, which we wrote about earlier this year. In addition, Matthew Mayo is [connected to Robert Stamm](#), who was [removed from his job as a Sergeant with the Virginia Capitol Police](#) this April after anti-fascists revealed Stamm’s ties to the AFA. Mayo is also [in communication](#) with Matthew Flavel, the Alshenjargothi or main leader of the AFA. As leader, Flavel does not disguise his far-Right affiliations. For example, [Flavel posed in a group photo](#) with members of the white supremacist [Rise Above Movement](#) after a day of street-fighting in Berkeley, California. Matthew Mayo is [online friends](#) with [members](#) of [other](#) white power groups such as the [League of the South](#) and the [Northwest Front](#). Mayo’s Facebook account [follows pages](#) for white nationalist projects such as [Red Ice](#) and the racist/Southern secessionist [Identity Dixie](#)/Rebel Yell.



Bodi Mayo updated his cover photo.

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Propaganda image [shared](#) on Matthew Mayo's Facebook account

Matthew Mayo circulates far-Right propaganda. On his Facebook page, Mayo [posted an image](#) featuring the slogan “Take back our future” accompanied by the [Black Sun/Schwarze Sonne symbol](#) used by neo-Nazis and the far-Right. On Instagram,

Mayo has [shared propaganda](#) for the white nationalist “[Defend Evropa](#)”. Mayo also [circulated an image](#) of a [Death’s Head/ Totenkopf](#) used by the Nazi SS, modified so that the skull is wearing sunglasses and accompanied by the slogan “Surf the Kali Yuga”. The theme of Kali Yuga – the “age of strife” in the Hindu cyclic conception of time – was adopted by 20th Century far-Right thinkers such as [Savitri Devi](#) and [Julius Evola](#). The “Surf the Kali Yuga” design shared by Matthew Mayo on Instagram was popularized by the white supremacist organization American Vanguard/Vanguard America, who [sold this image on a t-shirt](#). In yet another post, Mayo communicated his belief in racial separation when he [shared an image](#) of a young white woman, accompanied by the slogan “I’m this pretty because both of my parents are white.”



Matthew Mayo's [profile picture on VK](#) (L) and propaganda poster from the Nazi Party (R)

On the [Russia-based VKontakte](#) (VK) social networking site, Mayo uses a [profile image](#) originally from a Nazi Party propaganda poster, but altered so that a Confederate battle flag replaces the Nazi flag in the background. On VK, Mayo is also [a member](#) of the White Nationalist Alliance, an online group which states that it is “[in support of National Socialism and Hitler](#)”. (Mayo’s associate in the AFA, Nazi-

sympathizer [Trent East](#), is also part of the “White Nationalist Alliance” group on VK.) The White Nationalist Alliance group on VK recently changed its permissions so that it is private. Due to this change, membership in the group is no longer visible on the public pages of its participants. However, [we archived Mayo’s VK page to a third-party website](#) before this change of permissions. Mayo’s membership in the “White Nationalist Alliance” neo-Nazi page is clear from this earlier archive.

White Nationalist Alliance

Information

For White Nationalists to defend Europe to save the white race and to fight for free speech. Whites deserve a homeland of our own, we should not have to be forced to accept non whites which will destroy our genetics, homeland and cultures. To expose the Zionists Jews who are the destructive forces that control the world. [In support of National Socialism and Hitler this is the Alliance.](#)



White Nationalist Alliance [mission statement](#). [Matthew Mayo is a member](#).

Since Mayo is a member of a racist heathen organization, shares white nationalist propaganda, networks with other members of the far-Right, and is part of an online group for neo-Nazis, we believe that Chatham County residents should not be required to trust Mayo with their lives. When white nationalists are allowed to infiltrate crucial positions such as emergency services, this creates opportunities for abuse and places members of marginalized communities at risk. [Almost half the population of Chatham County is non-white](#) and every one of these people would be vulnerable in the case of a medical emergency.

If you are concerned about Matthew Mayo, we encourage you to [reach out to Chatham Emergency Services](#) (be sure to call their office, not dispatch). You may want to read [our first article about another far-Right member of Chatham Emergency Services](#) before calling so that you can raise concerns about both employees at the same time.

If you have further information on Matthew Mayo or other far-Right organizers in our region, please [get in touch with Atlanta Antifascists](#).

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